SUBJECT No. 535.

Service inam lands.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sab, Tarikere taluk.

Summary of Representation.—The purchasers of the service inam lands have been required to part with the same on receipt of the purchase money and the outlay they have incurred in improving them. This is a hardship. It may be ordered that the rule applies only to lands to be alienated hereafter.

SUBJECT No. 536.

Encroachment of public paths in inam villages.

Mr. Gundappa, Mysore District Board.

Summary of Representation—On the requisition of an inamdar Government may be pleased to depute an officer to hold an enquiry if any public paths, etc., are encroached upon by the neighbouring ryots and if so to set them right and to bring the party concerned to book.

FORESTS.

(Nos. 537 to 555.)

SUBJECT No. 537.

Conservation of trees in forest and hiduvali lands.

Mr. Boregowda, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Times are changing. We do not get timely and sufficient rains. Though the produce of the land is fair enough, prices remain the same both in good and bad seasons. The conditions of the poor and labouring classes are very deplorable. They are becoming day by day weak, sickly and short-lived. The main reasons for this state of affairs are (1) the denudations of the extensive forest tracts in the State, (2) the avariciousness of the raiyats, who cut down indiscriminately all trees in their holding for fuel, which is selling at very high rates, and (3) the greed of the mercantile community, who enhance the price of grain, collect and export them in large quantities to make money. As a remedy, it is proposed (1) that the forest area in the State should be extended, (2) that the cutting down of trees largely in the existing forest should be stopped, (3) that the raiyats should be compelled to plant sufficient number of trees in their holdings and (4) that large exportation of food stuffs outside the State should be stopped.

SUBJECT No. 538.

Damage to sandal trees on occupied lands.

Mr. Nadig Bhaskar Rao; Shimoga District Board.

Summary of Representation.—The liability imposed on occupants of lands for damages to sandal trees thereon without their knowledge is rather hard, as on several occasions sandal trees are damaged by mischievous persons to bring the occupants to trouble. It is not in the nature of things possible for occupants to be able to find out such culprits. It is prayed that the present rules may be so modified as to render occupants liable for all cases of injuries caused to sandal trees voluntarily.

SUBJECT No. 539.

Game Preservation.

Mr. C. Vasudeviah, Chamrajnagar taluk.

Summary of Representation.—This department is solely intended for preservation of game. The duty of the officials of this department now consists simply in inspection and there is no benefit to the Government or to the